

### **Doctrine of Leaven: Five Forms**

1. The Leaven of the Pharisees. *Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.* The leaven of the Pharisees consisted of promoting legalism and ritualism.
2. The Leaven of the Sadducees. *Matthew 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.* The leaven of the Sadducees was that of rationalism in opposition to divine revelation.
3. The Leaven of Herod. *Mark 8:15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.* The leaven of the Herodians is the sin of worldliness and the lust for power and control.
4. The Leaven of Corinth. *1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.* In the church of Corinth the teaching was promoted that inappropriate sensuality was an acceptable lifestyle because the Christian is free from the obligations of the moral law.
5. The Leaven of Galatians. *Galatians 5:9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.* The Galatians were in danger of becoming legalistic due to the influence of the Judaizers demanding Christian men receive the ritual of circumcision.